

Human rights Committee and Advisory Council  
Special Meeting  
October 26, 2010

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Present: Jane Brown, Marianne Ferguson (chair), Carol Kelley, Brenda Krasnow, Sona Petrossian, Susan Thomas, Dianne Chilingirian, Samuel Glass, Nazik Kazimi and Frank Wolpe

Absent/Regrets:  
Peter Brown, Judy Fischbach, Sheila Mondschein, Bruce Apotheker, Lillian Backman, Ann Capoccia, Norman Lazarus, Carleton Merrill, Viviana Planine, Susan Rosenthal and Joan Rubin

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Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM

Marianne opened the meeting and gave instructions regarding the vote for the 2010 human rights award. She said there can be no vote by proxy and no secret ballot. To vote, your signature must be placed next to the name of your choice.

The person who submitted the nomination was given 3 minutes to speak about their nominee. The order of presentations given was alphabetical. Frank Wolpe nominated Bruce Apotheker. He read a statement and submitted a copy for the record.

Nazik Kazimi nominated Dr Richard Bail. A newsletter was circulated from his organization, community without borders.

Sam Glass nominated Joan Kunitz. He mentioned that her husband had received the award previously. He read a statement about her service to Newton and submitted a copy for the record.

Susan Thomas nominated James DeWolf Perry and David Pettee. She spoke about their commitment to sharing their experiences in Newton and beyond.

General information was shared and discussed about the nominees.

Comments were made about their contributions to human rights issues and questions were raised and answered about why nominees would be appropriate recipients of a vote.

This 15 minute discussion was followed by the vote.

The first votes were cast and the results tallied.

4 votes for Perry/Pettee (Brown, Krasnow, Thomas and Chilingierian)

3 votes for Bail (Ferguson, Petrossian and Kazimi)

2 votes for Apotheker (Kelley and Wolpe) and

1 vote for Kunitz (Glass)

Since the 4 votes, cast for Perry/Pettee, did not represent a majority, a second vote was called for with the 2 nominees that received the highest number of votes.

The second ballot was distributed and votes were cast and tallied. One member (Sona Petrossian) had left the meeting before the call for the second vote.

The results ended in a tie.

4 votes for Perry/Pettee (Brown, Krasnow, Thomas and Chilingierian)

4 votes Bail (Ferguson, Kelley, Wolpe and Kazimi) and

1 abstention (Glass)

Frank made a motion to adjourn, Carol seconded.

5 in favor and 4 opposed.

Therefore, the meeting was adjourned with no further discussion.

Adjourned at 8:05 PM